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For: OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE AND METHOD  
AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING THE  
SAME

Examiner: T. Alunkal

### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 17, 2006 (Paper No. 20060710), for which a response was due on October 17, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 18, 2006 is enclosed. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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